All development in the Coastal Regulation Zone area are regulated as per the provisions of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Revamping of Central Pollution Control Board

1872. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to revamp the Central Pollution Control Board;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) in what manner the said Board is going to be revamped?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Central Government has undertaken the task of revamping of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to further enhance its capacity to meet emerging challenges in the area of environment management in the country. In this regard, Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow has submitted its report to the Government, with multi-dimensional recommendations for strengthening CPCB.

(c) The on-going process of strengthening of CPCB *inter alia* envisages augmentation of technical manpower, strengthening/up-gradation of infrastructure, and enhancing financial support.

Climate change

1873. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has reported that the Himalayan Glacier will disappear by 2035 due to Global Warming and if so, the details thereof and the steps Government proposes to take in order to avert this disaster;

(b) whether it is a fact that U.S. Secretary of Energy, Steven Chu, indicated that Washington may not agree to emission cuts at the UNFCCC meet in Copenhagen next month; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) According to the Fourth Assessment Report of the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change, the Himalayan Glaciers are receding faster than in any part of the world and, if the present rate continues, the likelihood of them disappearing by the year 2035 and perhaps sooner is very high if the Earth keeps getting warmer at the current rate.

The National Action Plan on Climate Change includes a national mission on Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem with a view to, *inter alia*, strengthen observation and monitoring of